COLWICH

Colwich [Pirehill] *(St Michael)* was a vicarage in the patronage of the prebendary of Lichfield Colwich *then* Alexander Fetherston c1617-1684. He had presented ***Augustine Schoolecroft 1633-1700*** who was instituted vicar in Feb 1662.3. The parish of five townships and three part townships- Bishton, Colwich, Great Haywood [part], Hixon [part], Little Haywood [part], Moreton, Shugborough and Wolseley - comprised a compound parochial constablewick {Colwich}. [Parts of Great Haywood, Hixon and Little Haywood lay in Stowe parish and constablewick.]

Colwich [Pirehill] PARISH (1532); ♦VICARAGE; St Michael (Pevsner c1250); PRGR 1590+; Peculiar of Prebend of Colwich
Districts: Coley, Great Haywood (part), Hixon (part), Little Haywood (part)
Curacies: Fradswell
Townships: Bishton, Colwich, Great Haywood, Hixon, Little Haywood, Moreton, Shugborough, Wolseley

COLWICH (St. Michael), a parish, in the S. division of the hundred of Pirehill, union, and N. division of the county, of Stafford, 3 miles (N. W. by N.) from Rugeley; containing, with Fradswell chapelry, the townships of Bishton, Moreton, Shugborough, and Wolseley, and part of those of Drointon, Great and Little Haywood, and Hixon, 2015 inhabitants, of whom 205 are in the township of Colwich. This parish, which is situated on the banks of the Trent, and intersected by the road from London to Liverpool, comprises by measurement 6492 acres. The scenery is very delightful, the river flowing through a vale of the richest verdure, adorned with a variety of elegant villas, among which are the charming seats of Shugborough and Wolseley. There are two quarries from which a durable stone is obtained for building. The Staffordshire and Worcestershire canal forms a junction with the Grand Trunk canal near Great Haywood: the Trent-Valley railway passes through the parish; and in 1846 an act was obtained for a railway from this place, through the Potteries, to Macclesfield. The living is a discharged vicarage, valued in the king's books at £6. 0. 5.; patron, the Bishop of Lichfield: the great tithes have been commuted for £700, and the vicarial for £500; the glebe consists of about 6 acres, 4½ of which are in the parish of Stowe. The church is of some antiquity, and contains a monument to the memory of the celebrated navigator, George, Lord Anson, who was interred in the family cemetery at this place, June 14th, 1762. At Great Haywood is a parochial chapel, and there is an endowed chapel at Fradswell. The Independents have a place of worship. In 1837 was established here the Mount Pavilion convent of Benedictine nuns; attached to it is a private chapel. The remains of Haywood Abbey, situated in the parish, have been converted into a gentleman's seat. [A Topographical Dictionary of England (1848)]

Colwich Church is an ancient edifice, dedicated to St Michael, and contains a number of monuments belonging to the Anson, Wolseley, Sparrow and other families. The burial place of the Ansons is in the shape of a catacomb, in one of the five compartments of which are walled up the remains of that celebrated admiral and circumnavigator, the first Lord Anson. The vicarage is in the patronage of the Bishop of Lichfield, and from 1828 to 1851 was in the incumbency of the Ven George Hodson, MA, archdeacon of Stafford, who resigned the living to the Rev Edward Harland, MA. Hayward Chapel of Ease, St Stephen, is a neat Gothic structure, built in 1840. The Rev William Stone, MA is the curate. Here also is an Independent Chapel, built in 1848. The handsome Roman Catholic Chapel, St John the Baptist, which was built in Tixall in the early part of the century, was taken down and rebuilt at Great Haywood, in 1845. The Rev O Chevalier is the priest. Mount Pavilion, a large Gothic mansion near Colwich and Great Haywood, was purchased in 1836 by a community of Benedictine Nuns and now forms a beautiful monastery, called St Benedict's Priory, of which Mrs F Knight is the prioress, and the Rev James Dullard the priest."

Parish History

By 1549 the chapelry of **FRADSWELL** had been formed to ease **COLWICH**. (In Feb 1851 the parish of **FRADSWELL** was formed from part of **COLWICH.)**

In 1840 the chapelry of **GREAT HAYWOOD** was formed to serve part of **COLWICH and STOWE ST JOHN**. In 1854 it was made a parish.

Description of Church (St Michael & All Angels)

Chapels-of-Ease and Missions

Type of incumbent

Vicar	....-1644
Minister (of Presbytery) (Feb 1644-29 May 1660)	1644-1660
Vicar	1660-....
Perpetual Curate	....-1868
Vicar	1868-....

Patrons

The parish of Colwich was appropriated to the Prebendary of Colwich and subject to his peculiar jurisdiction.

Lichfield	1807-....

Parish Registers

The parish register of the parish church of St Michael commences in 1590. The original registers for the period 1590-1978 (Bapts), 1590-1958 (Mar) & 1590-1872 (Bur) and Banns for the period 1793-1807 & 1889-1963 are deposited at Staffordshire Record Office. Bishops Transcripts, 1659-1871 (with gaps) are deposited at Lichfield Record Office. [GENUKI]

Bells

Special References

Principal Clergy

►**Richard Misyn (Bishop of Dromore) c1397-1462** **1446-?1459**
d 29 Sep 1462
(member, Carmelites, Lincoln)
(ordained acolyte at York) 11 Mar 1419
(ordained subdeacon) 23 Dec 1419
(ordained deacon) 17 May 1421
(Rector, Edlaston, Derbys) 18 Nov 1443-?1446

(Rector, Colwich, Staffs) 8 Sep 1446-?1459
- (appointed) 8 Sep 1446
- (resigned) ?1459
(Bishop, Dromore)
- (provided by the Pope) 29 Jul 1457
(Rector, East Leake, Notts) 3 Jan 1459
(Vicar, Birstall, Yorks) 1462-d
(author)
[DNBonline]

►Thomas Blythe c1499-.... ....-1534
**** Entry might confuse men of the same name*
(of King's Hall, Cambridge) [VENN]
(B.A.) 1519.20
(M.A.) 1523
(Vicar, Keyingham and Willerby, Yorks) 1525
(Vicar, Colwich, Staffs)
- (as "Mr Thos Blith", in office 1533 and resigned 1534) [1915]]
(B.D.) 1533.4
(Proctor) 1531.2
(Vicar, Chesterton, Cambs) 1534
- (in office) 1540 & 1551
(Original Fellow, Trinity, Cambridge) 1546
(Prebendary, Lichfield Longdon) 11 May 1551-a8 Sep 1556
- (presented by William Chapman gentleman *grantee of* Richard Sampson (Bishop of Lichfield) c1486-1554)
- (compounded for first-fruits) 11 May 1551 [PRO E 334/4 f74]
- (instituted by proxy) 21 Jul 1551 [B/A/1/14 iv f49v] [fn. 1]
- (replaced in office) a8 Sep 1556

►Gervase Bagshaw c1489-1544 1534-1544
d a25 Feb 1543.4
(Vicar, Sedgley, Staffs) 22 Jul 1529-19 Aug 1534
- (paid a tax of 6/8) 1533
(Vicar, Colwich, Staffs) 19 Aug 1534-d
- (appointed) 19 Aug 1534
- (succeded at Colwich by Geoffrey Bagshaw e1504-....)

►Geoffrey Bagshaw e1504-.... 1544-?1554
(Vicar, Colwich, Staffs) 25 Feb 1543.4-a23 May 1554
- (preceded at Colwich by Gervase Bagshaw c1489-1544)
- (presented by Nicholas Bagshaw gentleman, for this turn)
- (appointed) 25 Feb 1543.4
- (replaced in office) a23 May 1554

John Russell (P.C. of Kingstone, Staffs) c1518-1580 1554-1580
i Aug 1580 Kingstone; Will (Lichfield) 3 Aug 1581
(Vicar Choral, Penkridge Coppenhall, Staffs) ....-22 Jun 1548
- (had a salary and was granted a pension of £5) 22 Jun 1548
(Stipendiary Curate, Church Eaton, Staffs) 1553
(Vicar, Colwich, Staffs) 23 May 1554-d
- (instituted) 23 May 1554
- (presented by George Bagshaw of Lichfield, Staffs yeoman, by donation)
- (subscribed) 1559
(Parochial Curate, Kingstone, Staffs)
- (as Curate, in office) 25 Jun 1561 [CCED also records Ralph Lompe here on the same date]
- (as "Rector", in office) 18 Jun 1573
[NOTE: 1915 calls him a clerical rector, and he may have engaged John Mansfield and

Christopher Presse as assistants]

►William Davell e1533-.... **1581-1585**
(Perpetual Curate, Ipstones, Staffs)
- (in office) 19 Jun 1573
(Vicar, Colwich, Staffs) 26 Jan 1581-a18 Jan 1584.5
- (instituted) 26 Jan 1581

►Robert Calvert c1549-.... **1585-?1591**
(Stipendiary Curate, Wantage, Berks)
- (in office) 28 Jul 1579 & 29 Nov 1579
(?Stipendiary Curate, Longdon, Staffs)
- (?installed as Prebendary[sic]) 15 Nov 1581 [FASTI (1844)]
(Vicar, Colwich, Staffs) 18 Jan 1584.5-a20 Dec ?1591
- (instituted) 18 Jan 1584.5
- (replaced in office) 20 Dec ?1591

►William Kendrick e1544-1592 **?1591-1592**
i 4 May 1592 Colwich
(Stipendiary Curate, Stafford St Mary)
- (in office) 22 Jan 1583.4
(Vicar, Colwich, Staffs) 20 Dec ?1591-d
- (instituted) 20 Dec 1591 [1915 has 1589]

►Richard Pearson c1565-.... **1592-?1613**
(as literate of Beatham dio. of Chester, ordained deacon by Chester *pro* Carlisle) 16 May 1588
(as literate of Beatham dio. of Chester, ordained priest by Chester *pro* Carlisle) 1 Apr 1590
(Vicar, Colwich, Staffs) 10 May 1592-a12 Jan 1612.3
- (instituted) 10 May 1592
- (in office) 22 Jul 1605 & Aug 1612
- (replaced in office) a12 Jan 1612.3

►Thomas Draxe c1574-1619 **1613-1615**
**** Easily confused with Thomas Draxe c1548-....*
b c1574 Stoneleigh, Warwicks
[? m *as of Walton, Salop* 5 Jan 1595 Mary Ottley]
i 29 Jan 1618.9 Harwich
(possibly, as Thomas Fuller suggests, a member of the Draxe family of Woodhall near Wombwell, Yorkshire)
(matriculated pensioner from Christ's, Cambridge) Dec 1588
(B.A.) ?1594.5
(B.D.) 1609
(Vicar, Colwich, Staffs) 12 Jan 1612.3-9 May 1615
- (appointed) 12 Jan 1612.3 [1915]
(Vicar, Dovercourt, Essex) 9 May 1615
- (presented by the Crown)
- (instituted) 9 May 1615
(author, theological and classical)
[DNBonline]

(Colwich) While here he complained bitterly to Walter Bagott J.P. of the non-attendance at church of the Wolseleys and other recusants in the parish and urged Bagott to enforce the law. (Original letters penes W. N. Landor.) [1915]

►William Moore e1575-1625 **1615-1625**
i 18 Feb 1624.5 Colwich
(Vicar, Colwich, Staffs) 12 Jul 1615-d
- (presented by Lewis Bayly c1575-1631 *qua* Prebendary of Longdon)

- (instituted) 12 Jul 1615

----- Gallamore
chn: Gilbert Gallamore b c1585
-[dau] Gallamore m ----- Slater; (and had chn: Thomas, William)

►Gilbert Gallamore (Vicar of Colwich, Staffs) c1585-1655 **1625-1654**
b c1585 Cheshire *son of ----- Gallimore commoner*
m 16 Feb 1625 Weston-upon-Trent: Ann Litton dau of Rowland Litton of Litton, Derbys gentleman; m1 6 Jun 1615
Castlechurch: Thomas Whitby of Brine Pits in Weston-upon-Trent, Staffs yeoman 1590-1623
i Jan 1654.5 Colwich; Will (PCC) 8 Jan 1654.5/20 Jun 1655

(8 Jan 1654) Gilbert Gallamore ... Thomas Slater ... William Slater ... both ... my sisters soones .. [of] ?Bruerton, [Cheshire] ... Phillip Gallamore ... [remainder to] sonne in lawe William Whitby of Coulton [executor] ... his oldest son John Whitby... poor of Colwich £2 ...

chn: -[dau]- Gallamore m William Whitby of Colton; (and had chn: John)
NO William Whitby is his stepson

(aged 18, matriculated from Brasenose College, Oxford) 3 Jun 1603 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 7 Jul 1608
(ordained deacon by Chester) 25 Sep 1608
(ordained priest by Chester) 23 --- 1610
(Parochial Curate, Maer, Staffs)
- (said to be in office) 1610-4 [PRINTED PR 17-8]
- (as Gallamore/Gallomore, Minister, signed parish register) cJun 1611 & cMay 1612 & cFeb 1612.3
(M.A.) 6 Jul 1615
(?Parochial Curate, Burslem St John, Staffs)
- (in office) 26 Aug 1616
(Stipendiary Curate, Checkley, Staffs)
- (in office) 1620
(Parochial Curate, Stowe St John, Staffs)
- (as Gilbert Gallimore Minister, signed parish register) cMar 1622.3 & cMar 1623.4
(Vicar, Colwich, Staffs) 11 Mar 1624.5-d
- (instituted) 11 Mar 1624.5
(presbyterian Minister, Colwich, Staffs)

- (presumably a presbyterian conformer) 1644

7 Galamore, Gallimore. M.A. 1615 Brasenose College, Oxford, born in co. Ches. (Foster). Probably minister at Maer 1610-14, at Checkley c1620, at Stowe by Chartley 1622-4. On 7 Oct 1646 the committee for plundered ministers found that this vicarage was but worth £26 pa, so it granted him an augmentation of £21 pa out of this impropriate rectory, i.e. the prebend of Colwich. Further orders for the payment of this augmentation were made in 1648. (BodlMS 323 p359; 325 p221a, 221b). In 1649 he was paid at the rate of £22 pa (Shaw II p543). On 28 May 1651 the committee (? for the reformation of the universities) states that on 7 Oct 1646 the aforenamed committee had granted him an augmentation of £50 pa and orders that this £50 augmentation should be continued. (SionMS p495; cf LMS 976 p325). On 3 Mar 1653 a further increase of £20 was granted to Galamore by the trustees. (LMS 975 p352) . [SHC 1915 p76-7]

Gilbert Gallimore, minister of Colwich (same time [9 months to 1649, December 25]) £16/10/0 [Shaw II p543]

(1[?] Jan 1654.5, Colwich printed PR) Gilbertus Galamore hujus Ecclesiae Vicarius sepultus, cui successit Johannes Greensmith ex Aula Magd Oxonioniss in artibus Mr

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John Greensmith M.A. (presbyterian minister of Colwich) ?1629-1666 **R21**
Greensmith, born about 1629 (? and christened on 23 Aug 1629 at Birmingham) was probably son of Thomas Greensmith of Birmingham, Warwicks skinner c1599-1649 and Jane. He studied at Oxford where on 29 Jan 1648.9 he matriculated as a commoner from Magdalen Hall. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 16 Nov 1651 (M.A., 30 Jun 1654). On 31 May 1654 after presentation by Oliver Cromwell (? *qua* the *Protector)* he was approved by the *Commission for approbation of public preachers* as presbyterian minister of Colwich vicarage. Apparently the same day the *Trustees for the maintenance of preaching ministers* granted him an augmentation of £80 to his annual salary of £20 which was paid for about five years. On 28 Aug 1654 he was appointed an *assistant commissioner for the ejection of scandalous ministers* in Staffordshire. On 22 Aug 1655 it was ordered that he be *classically* ordained as a presbyterian clergyman by the Derbyshire Wirksworth Classis at Kniveton. (The previous day he had preached a sermon and defended his thesis *An detur peccatum regnans in eternatis*.) On 27 Jul 1659 Augustine Schoolecroft 1633-1700 is noted as his assistant minister. About 1657 to 1660 Greensmith was a lecturer at Stafford St Mary. In Jun 1660 he continued in office as *de facto* vicar of of Colwich. On 24 Aug 1662 he did not subscribe to *The act of uniformity* and was thus to be deprived. He probably lived on at Colwich until he died, aged about 37, and was buried here on 22 Aug 1666. His nuncupative will was made on 25 Jun 1666 and proved under Lichfield on 17 Jul 1667. He bequeathed his books to Schoolecroft (above) who had been instituted vicar of Colwich in Feb 1662.3 and on 6 Dec 1666 at Colwich married Sarah Greensmith ?1633-1687 (doubtless John's sister). Greensmith may not have married.

John Greensmith M.A. (presbyterian minister of Colwich, Staffs) ?1629-1666
[? c 23 Aug 1629 Birmingham , Warwicks *son of Thomas Greensmith of Birmingham, Warwicks skinner and Jane (-----)*]
(? unm.)
i *of Colwich minister* 22 Aug 1666 Colwich; Will (Lichfield - prebend of Colwich) 25 Jun 1666/17 Jul 1667 [not found online]
(as commoner, matriculated from Magdalen Hall, Oxford) 29 Jan 1648.9 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 16 Nov 1651
(M.A.) 30 Jun 1654
(ordained by the Wirksworth Classis) 22 Aug 1655
(presbyterian minister, Colwich, Staffs) 31 May 1654-24 Aug 1662
- (presented by Oliver Cromwell)
- (approved by the Commissioners) 31 May 1654
- (as Minister, signed the parish register) Mar 1656.7
- (did not subscribe to the Act of Uniformity, and thus ejected) 24 Aug 1662
(Assistant Commr. to eject Scandalous Ministers, Staffs) 28 Aug 1654*
(NOT listed in Hearth Tax for Colwich) 1665
(Lecturer, Stafford St Mary) 1655-60
- (appointed with a salary of £50 pa) 1655 [? 25 Feb 1656.7] [? the salary]
- (in office) 1655-60 [1915 p243]

(1[?] Jan 1654.5, Colwich printed PR) Gilbertus Galamore hujus Ecclesiae Vicarius sepultus, cui successit Johannes Greensmith ex Aula Magd Oxonioniss in artibus Mr

(21 Aug 1655, Wirksworth Classis, Derbys) [Six ministers present & two others] Mr John Greensmith Bchr of Arts, late Student of Maudline Hall, in Oxford (having addressed himselfe to the Classis for ordinacon since the last Classical meeting) this day gave an account of the work of grace uppon his Soule, & of his skill in the Originall tongues, also in the Arts Logicke & Philosophie in all which he gave good satisfaction. The said Mr Greensmith likewise this day produced a certificate from

his neighbouring Ministers of his pius life and conversion, declared his ends in entering into the Ministrey, and his call to the Worke of the Ministrey in the congregacon of Coll-wich, in the countie of Stafford, in all which likwise the Classis received good satisfaction. The said Mr Greensmith having formerlie preached his approbaton sermon which being well approved had this thesis given viz: An detur peccatum regnans in eternatis? Which Thesis he exhibited at the Classis this day, and maintained a dispute uppon the same, wherein he gave good satisfaction ; whereuppon it was voted & ordered accordinglie That the said Mr John Greensmith be ordained a preaching Presbyter in the Parish church at Kniveton the next day being the 22 day of August formerly appointed a day of Ordination. [J. Charles Cox (Ed.) "*Minute book of the Wirksworth Classis, 1651 -1658*" in Journal of the Derbyshire Archaeological Society and Natural History Society Volume II (1880) p187-8]
(2 Feb 1662.3, Colwich PR [entry in printed PR gives Richard Greenesmith]) Joannes Greenesmith quondam Vicarius hujus Ecclesiae juxta decrutu parliamenti 24 die Augusti ejectus erat; non consenuitatem Anglicanae Ecclesia. Cui successit Augustinus Schoulcroft E Collegio Sancti Joannis Cantibusgensis in Artibus Bacc: Introductus per Rectorem de Colteon. Joanem Sanders - Joannes Cooke de Heywood Magna [&] Franciscus Pickstocke de Heywood Parva [both] Hieroduli - Joannes Pickstocke, Registrus
(1702) Colwich: Mr. John Greensmith [Calamy (1702) p358]
(1713) ? [Calamy (1713) p]
(1727) ? [Calamy (1727) p]
(1778) COLWICH {Vicar, £47/18} Mr John Green [recte Greensmith]. [Calamy (1778) p393]
(1803) as 1778 [Calamy III (1803) p]
(1900) XXX [Shaw I/II (1900) p]
(1911) XXX [Turner (1911) p]
(1915) (Colwich) 8 Greensmith. M.A. 1654 Magdalen Hall, Oxford (Foster). Presented to this living by Oliver Cromwell and approved, by the commissioners on 31 May 1654 Charles Wolseley being one of those signing the certificate of his fitness. (Lamb. MS. 997, pt. I, p126) Appointed assistant to the commissioners for the removal of scandalous ministers on 28 Aug 1654; granted by the trustees on 31 May 1654 an augmentation of £80 in addition to his income as vicar of £20 (Lamb. MS. 973, p679); in receipt of same c1658.9(Lamb. MSS. 981, p20; 994, p142); lecturer at Stafford QV, 1655-60; ejected c1662, but continued to live on here (Calamy), where buried 22 Aug 1666. [SHC 1915 p77]
(1915) (Stafford St Mary) 43 Greensmith. Appointed lecturer here in 1655 with a salary of £50 pa (S. P. Dom. Inter, CII 15, 19; LMS 981 p21; 994 p142; Shaw, II p505; Beresford p242). See Colwich. [SHC 1915 p247]
(1917) XXX [Gordon (1917) p]
(1924) XXX [Matthews (1924) p]
(1934) GREENSMITH, JOHN. Vicar of Colwich, Staffs. 1662. Adm. 31 May 1654. Successor, Augustine Schoulcroft, inst. 9 Feb. 1662-3 : previously Greensmith's assistant: married, 6 Dec. 1666, his ~~daughter~~ Sarah. (L. 997. I. 126: Ep. Reg. Lichf.: Cal. 629.) Magdalen, Oxf., mc. 1649: B.A. 1651: M.A. 1654. Ord. by Wirksworth Classis, Derbs., 22 Aug. 1655. Assistant to Staffordshire Commission 1654. Lecturer at Stafford 25 Feb. 1656-7 (L. '1656'. 222). Buried at Colwich 22 Aug. 1666. Will, nuncupative, as of Colwich, 25 June 1666: p. 17 July 1667 (B'ham.). Books, &c., to Schoulcroft. [Calamy Revised (1934) p234]

[?father] Thomas Greensmith of Birmingham, Warwicks skinner c1599-1649
m Jane -----
Will (Lichfield) 16 Jun 1649/26 Oct 1649 [below]
chn: John Greensmith c 23 Aug 1629 Birmingham St Martin
Priscilla Greensmith c 13 Nov 1631 Birmingham St Martin
Sarah Greensmith c 15 Dec 1633 Birmingham St Martin
Elizabeth Greensmith c dau of Thomas & Jane 11 May 1637 Birmingham St Martin

(16 Jun 1649) Thomas Greenesmith of Birmingham skinner ... son John ... dau Sara ... dau Elizabeth ... wife Jane [executor] Inventory (23 Oct 1649) Total £296/5/0

Augustine Schoolecroft B.A. (vicar of Colwich) 1633-1700

Schoolecroft, christened on 3 Nov 1633 at Lancaster St Mary, was a son of James Schoolecroft of Lancaster St Mary clergyman c1603-?1688. He studied at Cambridge where on 12 Apr 1654 he was admitted as a sizar at St John's College and matriculated. At Cambridge he graduated B.A. in 1657.8. He was presumably ordained as a presbyterian clergyman before 27 Jul 1659 when he was "an assistant" to John Greensmith (presbyterian minister of Colwich) ?1629-1666. On 10 Mar 1660.1 (together with Michael Edge) he was ordained deacon at "the chapel of his oratory at the Barbican" and on 13 Mar 1660.1 ordained priest at Aldersgate Steet, London (both) by Lincoln. He was parochial curate of Chilcote, Derbys when he subscribed to the *Act of uniformity* on 26 Jul 1662. In Feb 1662.3 after presentation by Alexander Fetherston c1617-1684 *qua* prebendary of Colwich he was instituted vicar of Colwich and the same month licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Colwich constablewick and was assessed on 4 hearths at Colwich township. Still in office he died, aged 67, and was buried here on 16 Feb 1699.1700. Schoolecroft married on 6 Dec 1666 at Colwich to Sarah Greensmith (?1633-1687) (probably) daughter of Thomas Greensmith of Birmingham, Warwicks skinner c1599-1649 by whom he had two daughters. John Greensmith (presbyterian minister of Colwich) ?1629-1666, who was Schoolecroft's immediate predecessor at Colwich, was (probably) the brother of his wife Sarah.

►**Augustine Schoolecroft (Vicar of Colwich, Staffs) 1633-1700** **1663-1700**
c 3 Nov 1633 Lancaster St Mary *son of James Schoolecroft of Lancaster St Mary clergyman c1603-?1688*
m 6 Dec 1666 Colwich: Sarah Greensmith ?dau of Thomas Greensmith of Birmingham, Warwicks skinner c1599-1649; (brother of John Greensmith (presbyterian minister of Colwich, Staffs) ?1629-1666 [SCD]; c 15 Dec 1633 Birmingham St Martin; i 7 Nov 1687 Colwich
i *Augustin Sculercuft clarke* 16 Feb 1699.1700 Colwich; Will NOT FOUND

(aged 19, admitted sizar at St John's, Cambridge) 12 Apr 1654 [VENN]
(matriculated) 1654
(B.A.) 1657.8
("assistant to a presbyterian minister", Colwich, Staffs)
- (in office) 27 Jul 1659

(as B.A., ordained deacon by Lincoln "at the chapel of his oratory at the Barbican") 10 Mar 1660.1
(as Mr. or B.A., ordained priest by Lincoln "at Aldersgate Street, London) 13 Mar 1660.1

(Parochial Curate, Chilcote, Derbys) [later Leics]
- (as Curate of Clifton[sic, but ?recte Chilcote], paid a subsidy of 5/0) 9 Jan 1661.2
- (then in office, subscribed to the Act of uniformity) 26 Jul 1662
- (in office) 24 Sep 1662

(Vicar, Colwich, Staffs) 1663-d
- (presented by Alexander Fetherston c1617-1684 *qua* Prebendary of Colwich)
- (as B.A., instituted) 2 OR 9 Feb 1662.3
- (licenced preacher) Feb 1662.3
- (not valued) 1665
- (as "Augustine Schoolecroft Vicar" certified the hearth tax for Colwich constablewick and as "Mr Schoolecroft" assessed for 4 hearths at Colwich township) 1665 [1666 HT]

chn: Elizabeth Schoolecroft b 17 May 1668 PR; c 4 Jun 1668 Colwich
Sarah Schoolecroft i 20 Dec 1671 Colwich

(27 Jul 1659, Colwich PR) Entred 27th of Jully 1659 [record of a deed] Witnesses hereof ... John Greensmith Minister - Augustine Schoulecrofte an assistant to the afore sayd Minister ...
(6 Dec 1666, Colwich) Augustine School?raft vicar of Colwich [interlined Gent] and Sarah Greenesmith were married [1666 Dec 6 in ?later hand]
(1668, Colwich PR) Elizabeth the daughter of Augustine Scholcraft vicar of Colwich by Sarah his wife was borne the seaventeenth dau of May and baptised the fourth day of June following
(16 Nov 1680) Lease for 30 yrs Sir Chas. Wolseley/Augustine Schoolcroft, Vicar of Colwich and Geo. Austine, inn holder. [SRO D(W)1781/9/2/40]

James Schoolecroft of Lancaster clergyman c1603-?1688
m ----- -----
(??? i 30 Aug 1688 Caton, Lancs)
(ordained deacon by Chester) 2 Mar 1628.9
chn: Henry Schoolecroft c 24 Feb 1632 Lancaster St Mary
Augustine Schoolecroft c 3 Nov 1633 Lancaster St Mary
Richard Schoolecroft c 6 Feb 1635.6 Lancaster; (aged 18, admitted sizar at St John's Cambridge) 12 Apr 1654 [VENN]
Robert Schoolecroft c 14 May 1641 Lancaster St Mary
James Schoolecroft c 14 May 1641 Lancaster St Mary

►Richard Hollier B.A. (Vicar of Colwich, Staffs) c1675-1724 **1700-1724**
b c1675 *yr son of Walter Hollier (P.C. of Cannock, Staffs) c1637-?1681* ***[SCD]***
m Mary -----
d 13 Apr 1724 [ANCESTRY]; Will (Lichfield) 18 Jul 1723/31 Jul 1724 <u>appears to be LOST</u>

(as "cler.fil." matriculated from Magdalen College, Oxford) 19 May 1694 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 1698
("aged 25 born Canke in Staffordshire", ordained priest by Oxford) 26 May 1700

(Vicar, Colwich, Staffs) 27 May 1700-d
- (presented by Jonathan Kimberley 1651-1720 *qua* Prebendary of Colwich)

- (admitted) 27 May 1700
- (appears to have kept a school at Colwich) [SHC 1934 ii 107]
- (replaced in office) 16 Nov 1724

(Rector, Radbourne, Warwicks) 20 Sep 1713-d
- (presented by Ralph Sneyd of Keele, Staffs Esquire 1692-1733)
- (admitted) 20 Sep 1713

chn: Henry Hollier c 16 Nov 1708 Colwich; d 1744; (of Birmingham apothecary)
Richard Hollier c 20 Oct 1709 Colwich; i 4 Jun 1725 Colwich
Thomas Hollier c 19 Dec 1710 Colwich; i 22 Jan 1710.1 Colwich
Walter Hollier c 15 Jan 1711 Colwich
Thomas Hollier c 25 May 1713 Colwich

(Will) mentions only his wife Mary, his eldest son Henry (for whom he hopes "the happiness and advantage of a learned and University education") with two other sons unnamed, his sister Mrs Ann Cotterell of Uttoxeter, and his brother Mr Henry Hollier." [READE IX 78]

(1729) Bill and answer. Plaintiffs: Thomas Wright, gent of Coventry, Warwickshire (first cousin of Samuel Wade, esq deceased late of Woberley, Warwickshire and administrator of Christopher Mansell, clerk of Long Newton, Durham), Mary Hollier, (widow of Richard Hollier, clerk deceased late of Colwich, Staffordshire) of Birmingham, John Parker of Henley, Warwickshire and [unknown] Parker his wife, Peter Grimstone, tailor of Coventry and Francis Grimstone, yeoman of Lawford, Warwickshire (said Christopher Mansell, Mary Hollier, [unknown] Parker, David Grimstone and Francis Grimstone are also 1st cousins of said Samuel Wade). [NA C 11/1815/23]

►Ralph Sneyd (Rector of Sible Hedingham, Essex) 1696-1758 **1724-1733**
c 17 Jul 1696 Colwich *son of Ralph Sneyd of Bishton in Colwich, Staffs gentleman c1670-1729 [SLG] and Elizabeth dau and heir of John Bowyer of Bishton in Colwich, Staffs*
m Mary Cook dau of Moses Cook of Hedingham, Essex clerk
d c23 Dec 1758
(aged 17, matriculated from Brasenose, Oxford) 17 Mar 1713.4 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 1717
(M.A.) 1720
(B.D. & D.D.) 1742
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 26 May 1722
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 20 Sep 1724
(Vicar, Colwich, Staffs) 16 Nov 1724-1733
- (appointed) 16 Nov 1724
(Rector, Sible Hedingham, Essex) 1733-d

►Henry Pynyot de Lalargere c1697-.... **1733**
(of London, educated at Geneva) 1714 [INTERNET]
(ordained deacon by London) 18 Dec 1720
(ordained priest by Gloucester) 25 Jan 1722
(Vicar, Colwich, Staffs) 11 Aug 1733-16 Oct 1733
- (subscribed on appointment) 11 Aug 1733
- (resigned) 16 Oct 1733

►John Clements (Rector of Appleby, Leics) c1709-1793 **1734-1760**
b c1709 *son of John Clements of Worcester St Swithin*
d May 1793
(aged 17, matriculated from St Mary Hall, Oxford) 3 Nov 1726 [FOSTER]
(B.A., Corpus Christi, Oxford)
(ordained priest by Worcester) 20 May 1733
(Vicar, Colwich, Staffs) 4 Feb 1733.4-a26 Sep 1760
- (presented by John Morse c1694-1747 *qua* Prebendary of Colwich)
- (instituted) 4 Feb 1733.4
- (resigned) a26 Sep 1760
(incorporated at Cambridge)
(admitted pensioner at St John's, Cambridge) 26 Jan 1747.8 [VENN]
(M.A., Cambridge) 1748
(Rector, Long Whatton, Leics) 16 Feb 1748-a14 Jun 1786
- (presented by the Crown)
- (instituted) 16 Feb 1748
- (resigned) a14 Jun 1786

(Rector, Appleby, Leics) 24 Apr 1777-d
- (presented by Edward Dawson of Long Whatton, Leics Esquire)
- (instituted) 24 Apr 1777
(F.S.A.) 1782

John Ford (Rector of Gratwich, Staffs) ?1723-.... **1761-1771**
**** Entry might confuse men of the same name*
d a21 Oct 1771
(Stipendiary Curate, Sandon, Staffs)
- (licensed) 11 Aug 1750
(Vicar, Colwich, Staffs) 26 Sep 1760-d
- (presented by Richard Jackson c1712-1796 *qua* Prebendary of Colwich)
- (instituted) 26 Sep 1760
(Rector, Gratwich, Staffs) 21 Aug 1761-d
- (presented by John Chetwynd 2nd Viscount Chetwynd [I.] 1680-1767)
- (instituted) 21 Aug 1761
- (NOT mentioned in parish register)
(Perpetual Curate, Kingstone, Staffs) 21 Aug 1761-d
- (licenced) 21 Aug 1761
[NOTE: Elizabeth Ford i 12 Nov 1773 Gratwich]

►**Richard Oldfield Jackson c1746-1792** **1771-1787**
b c1746 *son of Richard Jackson (Vicar of Prees, Salop) c1712-1796 and Ann dau of Richard Smalbroke 1672-1749* ***[SCD]***
d 24 Jan 1792; M.I. (Sandbach) [below]
(admitted pensioner at Queens', Cambridge) 6 Mar 1764 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1764
(LL.B.) 1770
(admitted at the Middle Temple) 15 Apr 1766
(Vicar, Colwich, Staffs) 21 Oct 1771-9 Nov 1787
- (presented by his father Richard Jackson c1712-1796 *qua* Prebendary of Colwich)
- (instituted) 21 Oct 1771
- (resigned) 9 Nov 1787
(Vicar, Longdon, Staffs) 9 Nov 1776-d
- (presented by Henry Egerton c1729-1795 *qua* Prebendary of Longdon)
- (instituted) 9 Nov 1776

(Sandbach) In the south aisle a white mural monument (the inscription in capitals), surmounted by an urn and a shield of arms (which has been repainted) Quarterly, 1 and 4, Gules a fess Argent between three birds (? swans) Or; 2 and 3, Or on a bend Gules three crosses patee fitclu'e of the first. Sacred to the memory of Richard Jackson Esq. of Betchton House in this parish, who died in September 1718: and of Elizabeth his wife, the only daughter of William Oldfield Esq and Letitia his wife, who died December 24 1769: also of the Rev. Richard Jackson, D.D. Canon of York, Lichfield and Chester, and only son of the above Richard Jackson Esq. who died November 12 1796: and of Ann his wife, daughter of Dr Richard Smalbroke Lord Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry; who died April 6 17S5: also of The Rev. Richard Oldfield Jackson LL.B. Vicar of Colwich and Longdon, in the county of Stafford and only son of the above Richard and Ann Jackson who died January 24 1792. This monument was erected 1799.

►**Wilfred Wilson e1745-1807** **1787-1807**
d a17 Oct 1807
(Perpetual Curate, Weston-upon-Trent, Staffs) 27 Jun 1785-d
- (presented by John Lane Esquire, for this turn)
- (licensed) 27 Jun 1785
(Vicar, Colwich-cum-Fradswell, Staffs) 8 Nov 1787-d
- (presented by Richard Jackson c1712-1796 *qua* Prebendary of Colwich)
- (instituted) 8 Nov 1787

►**John Pitchford c1774-1828** **1807-1828**
b c1774 *son of Richard Pitchford of Upton Magna, Salop clerk*
m 4 Jun 1804 Grinshill: Margaret Embrey
d a1 Dec 1828

(aged 19, matriculated from Christ Church, Oxford) 22 Oct 1793 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 1797
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 9 Jul 1797
(Stipendiary Curate, Upton Magna, Salop)
- (licensed) 26 Jul 1797
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 15 Jun 1800
(Stipendiary Curate, Astley & Grinshill, Salop)
- (licensed) 16 Jun 1800
(M.A.) 1800
(Perpetual Curate, Grinshill, Salop) 24 Apr 1804-a14 Mar 1814
- (presented by John Wood of Harcourt Park, Salop Esquire)
- (licensed) 24 Apr 1804
- (resigned) a14 Mar 1814
(Vicar, Colwich, Staffs) 17 Oct 1807-d
- (presented by Lichfield)
- (instituted) 17 Oct 1807
- (signed return regarding education of the poor) [PARL (1818)]

(Grinshill parish register) April 13 [1804]. The Rev. John Pitchford, A.M. of Christ Church, Oxford, succeeded the Rev. James Atcherley in the Perpetual Curacy of Grinshill, on the Nomination of John Wood, Esq., of Harcourt Park in this County. June 4 [1804]. Rev. John Pitchford, of Upton Magna, & Margaret Embrey, lic. By Robert Wylde. W.: Thos. Boodle, Charles Henshaw.

George Hodson (Vicar of Colwich, Staffs) 1788-1855 **1828-1851**
c 22 May 1788 Carlisle St Mary *youngest son of George Hodson of Carlisle, Cumbs merchant and Anne (Hewitt)*
m 8 Jul 1815 Mary Somersall dau of William Stephen of St Kitts, West Indies M.D.; d 15 May 1846
d 13 Aug 1855 on the Lago di Garda, Riva, Italy; M.I. (Lichfield Cathedral)
(admitted sizar at Trinity, Cambridge) 11 Oct 1805 [VENN]
(educated at Carlisle Grammar School)
(matriculated) Michs 1806
(Scholar) 1809
(B.A., 7th Wrangler) 1810
(migrated to Magdalene, Cambridge) 20 Feb 1810
(Fellow) 1810
(ordained deacon by Ely) 20 Apr 1811
(ordained priest by Peterborough) 1812
(Taxor) 1813
(M.A.) 1813
(Stipendiary Curate, Clifton Old Church, Bristol) 1815
(Perpetual Curate, Birmingham Christ Church) 2 Oct 1824
- (presented by Lichfield)
- (licensed) 2 Oct 1824
(Vicar, Colwich, Staffs) 1 Dec 1828-51
- (presented by Lichfield)
- (instituted) 1 Dec 1828
(4th Canon Residentiary *thus* Prebendary, Lichfield Pipa Minor & Ryton) 9 May 1829-22 Jun 1833
- (installed) 9 May 1829 [D30/2/1/10 p157-8)
- (resigned) 22 Jun 1833 [B/A/1/29 p279]
(Archdeacon, Stafford) 9 May 1829-d
- (collated) 9 May 1829 [B/A/1/29 p 163]
(2nd Canon Residentiary *thus* Chancellor & Prebendary, Lichfield Alrewas & Weeford) 29 Jun 1833-d
- (installed) 29 Jun 1833 [D30/2/1/10 pp231-3]
(Vicar, Lichfield St Mary) 1851-d
(author, religious works)
[BLG 1939] [SIMMS*]
chn: James Stephen Hodson b 4 May 1816
George Hewitt Hodson b 29 Aug 1817
Olivia Wilberforce Hodson b 25 Feb 1819
William Stephen Raikes Hodson b 19 Mar 1821
Mary Forbes Hodson d 5 Dec 1822
Sibella Stephen Hodson b 3 Sep 1824

Louisa Calthorpe Hodson b 18 Mar 1826
Edward Hawker Bickersteth Hodson b 18 Sep 1827

THE Rev. George Hodson, M.A., late Archdeacon of Stafford, Canon Residentiary of Lichfield, and Vicar of St. Mary's, in that city, was the youngest son of — Hudson, Esq., of Carlisle. At the usual age he entered at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he greatly distinguished himself, graduating in 1810 as seventh wrangler, and obtaining in the same year the second gold medal. Upon taking his degree he was elected a Fellow of Magdalen, of which College he subsequently became tutor. After his marriage he was associated for a short time with his friend, the Rev. James Hensman, in the discharge of clerical duties at Clifton, when he came under the notice of Bishop Ryder (then Bishop of Gloucester), who appointed him his examining chaplain. For several years he held the Incumbency of Christ, Church, Birmingham, his ministry being most acceptable and successful; and in 1828 he became, in succession, Vicar of Colwich, Canon of Lichfield; and Archdeacon of Stafford. In 1851, for the more enlarged and efficient discharge of his clerical duties, he exchanged, at a pecuniary sacrifice, the Vicarage of Colwich for that of St. Mary's, Lichfield, rendered vacant by the death of the Rev. J. Lonsdale. This was the scene of his final labours. Having just concluded a visitation of his large archdeaconry, having gone from house to house through the whole of his important parish, having addressed his people for the last time (as if with unconscious presentiment) from the solemn words of St. Paul, "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith;" he left England with his two youngest daughters for a short period of relaxation in Northern Italy and the Tyrol. Here, at Riva, on the Lago di Gorda, he was seized with malignant cholera, and in eight hours, on Sunday, August 12th, he died at the age of sixty-eight years. His body was interred in the Roman Catholic Cemetery at Riva. [The Illustrated London News, Nov.3 1855, p.555]

Edward Harland (Vicar of Colwich, Staffs) c1810-1890 **1851-?1890**
b c1810 *2nd son of Christopher Harland of Ashbourne, Derbys armiger*
d 8 Jun 1890 Stafford
(aged 17, matriculated from Wadham College, Oxford) 16 Jun 1827 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 1831
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 7 Jul 1833
(Stipendiary Curate, Newborough, Staffs) 7 Jul 1833
- (licenced) 7 Jul 1833
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 6 Jul 1834
(Stipendiary Curate, Hanbury, Staffs) 6 Jul 1834
- (licenced) 6 Jul 1834
(M.A.) 1836[sic, FOSTER]
(Stipendiary Curate, Sandon, Staffs) 1836-51
(Vicar, Colwich, Staffs) 1851-?d
(Surrogate) 1851
(Prebendary, Lichfield Eccleshall) 1873-?d
(author, "A Church Psalter and Hymnal" 1855, "Index Sermonum" 1858, and many hymns)
(his "Memorandum Book" at Stafford Record Office D874/2/27)

Osmond Dobree (Vicar of Colwich, Staffs) 1832-1929 **1890-1929**
b 13 Mar 1832 St Pierre Du Bois, Guernsey *son of George Dobree and Mary (Brock)*
m 1863 Mary Octavia dau of John Beck Eaton of Shrewsbury banker; b 1836; d 1915
d *aged 97* 28 May 1929
(educated at Guernsey Elizabeth College)
(at Trinity College, Dublin)
(B.A.) 1853
(M.A.)
(ordained deacon by Lincoln) 1856
(Stipendiary Curate, Nottingham St Mary) 1856-8
(ordained priest by Lincoln) 1857
(Stipendiary Curate, Guernsey St John) 1859-63
(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Knypersley, Staffs) 1863-73
(Vicar, Goldenhill, Staffs) Sep 1873-90
- (presented by Lichfield)
- (instituted) Sep 1873
(Prebendary, Lichfield Hansacre) 1885-d
(Vicar, Colwich, Staffs) 1890-d
(author, religious works)
[SIMMS*]

chn: Alfred Dobree b 1864
Mary MacLean Dobree b 1866
Osmond Eaton Dobree b 1868
Agnes Dobree b 1870
George Dobree b 1871; d 1871
Margaret Dobree b 1872
Bernard Eaton Dobree b 1876
Ethel Caroline Dobree b 1878
Henry Lissignol Dobree b 1879

GOLDENHILL, CHRIST CHURCH. Christ Church originated in an evangelical secession from St. John's Church, Goldenhill, on the appointment in 1873 of a high churchman to the benefice. When the living became vacant, Bishop Selwyn, himself a high churchman, appointed the Revd. Osmond Dobree, formerly chaplain of a private chapel at Knypersley and a known high churchman. Immediately a petition against the appointment was presented by the parishioners to the bishop and also published in the local press. Dobree offered to withdraw but the bishop refused the offer and instituted him in September of the same year. [VCH]

►**William Veasey Chilwell 1875-1941** **1929-?1941**
b Atherstone RD; c 3 Sep 1875 Warton, Warwicks *son of Joseph Grundy Chilwell and Mary (Jeyes)*
d *aged 65* 1941 Stafford RD
(at Lincoln Theological School)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1899
(Stipendiary Curate, Dresden, Staffs) 1899-1901
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1900
(Stipendiary Curate, Handsworth, Staffs) 1901-4
(Stipendiary Curate, Wolstanton, Staffs) 1905-6
(Stipendiary Curate, Bearwood St Mary, Birmingham) 1906-9
(Stipendiary Curate, Handsworth, Staffs) 1909-12
(Vicar, Kings Bromley, Staffs) 1912-29
(Editor, Lichfield Diocesan Calendar) 1915-37
(Organising Diocesan Inspector for Archdeacon of Stafford) 1918
(Vicar, Colwich, Staffs) 1929-?d

►**John Charles Cox c1887-....** **1941-....**
(at Trinity College, Dublin)
(B.A.) 1909
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1910
(Stipendiary Curate, Walsall St Paul, Staffs) 1910-3
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1912
(M.A.) 1913
(Stipendiary Curate, Tettenhall, Staffs) 1913-9
(Stipendiary Curate, Wombourn, Staffs) 1919-21
(Vicar, Tettenhall Wood, Staffs) 1921-41
(Vicar, Colwich, Staffs) 1941-p1947

Assistant Clergy

►**Matthew Mather {Maderer} e1492-....** **1532-1533**
(Stipendiary Curate, Colwich, Staffs)
- (as Dominus Matthew Mather, curatus) c1532 FAS
- (as Mathew Maderer, in office) 1533 [1915]

►**Ralph Uppingham e1530-....** **1570**
[? (Chaplain to Anthony Wolseley of Wolseley in Colwich, Staffs Esquire c1506-a1572)]

Called "my curate" in the will of Anthony Wolseley dated 1570 (6, Daper) [Anthony Wolseley of Wolseley in Colwich, Staffs Esquire c1506-a1572], but none of these Wolseleys conformed to the Elizabethan settlement of religion, so it is probable that he was his private and non-conforming chaplain. [1915]

►Nicholas Adey e1545-1620 **1604**
i 13 Jan 1619.20 -----
(ordained priest by Lichfield, Thomas Bentham, in office) 1559-79
(Vicar, Rugeley, Staffs) a11 Apr 1575-d
(instituted by the Laurence Nowell c1520-1576 *qua* Dean, in office) 1560-1576
- (in office) 11 Apr 1575
- ("Scholaris ruralis, in sacris litteris bene exercitatus, et gregem suum laudabiliter instruens; no preacher, gamester, drunkard) 1604
(Stipendiary Curate, Colwich, Staffs)
- (as ----- Ady, No preacher, whoremonger, drunkard and gamester) 1604

Fined by the local court 10s. on 3 Oct. 1576 for maintaining and permitting for his profit the illegal games called "le dyse" in his house here and for playing them several times against the statute 33 Hen. VIII; fined 13/4 on 12 Apr 1577 for similar offence, also 6s. 8d. for gaming in Rich Otty's house; fined 3/4 on 15 Oct 1577 for playing at "bowles" ; fined 4d on 11 Ap5 1575 for not mending a gap in the fence of the field called "quadragesimalem" [or Upfield]; fined 12d on 5 Apr 1592 for decapitating and lopping hollies in " Canke " wood [Rugeley Court Rolls: 1915]

►John Bromley e1565-.... **1605**
(Stipendiary Curate, Colwich, Staffs)
- (in office) 22 Jul 1605
(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Fradswell, Staffs)
- (in office) 1609-10
- (mentioned in the printed register of Standon[sic, ? for Colwich], p18) [1915]

Robert Ashton (parochial curate of Bednall) e1586-1658
Ashton, born perhaps about 1586, is of unknown parentage. He was probably only educated to literate grade. He was presumably ordained deacon (? and priest) before 26 Aug 1616 when he was in office as parochial curate of Wetton. From 1623 to 1625 he was styled "reader" of Chapel Chorlton whilst probably serving as parochial curate. In 1631 he was a stipendiary curate at Colwich vicarage. He was then appointed parochial curate of Bednall. About 1638 he was styled "Robert Ashton of Bednall - minister of the gospel", when he testified to the honest life and conversation of a local preacher Humphrey Vincent ?1595-.... From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued here as *compliant* minister. Still in office he died, aged perhaps about 72, about Mar 1658. His nuncupative will made on 26 Mar 1658 was proved under *PCC* on 29 Apr 1658. Ashton may not have married.

Robert Ashton (parochial curate of Bednall) e1586-1658 **1638-1652**
b e1586 *of unknown parentage*
(? unm.)
i [X FMP] ; Will (PCC) 26 Mar 1658/29 Apr 1658
(parochial curate, Wetton, Staffs)
- (in office) 26 Aug 1616 [CCEd]
(reader, Chapel Chorlton, Staffs) [? acting as parochial curate]
- (as R----- Ashton, Reader, signed the parish register) 1624
- (as Robert Ashton, in office) 1623-5 [HUTCHINSON (1893) 72]
(stipendiary curate, Colwich [vicarage], Staffs)
- (in office) 1631
(parochial curate, Bednall, Staffs)
- (in office) 1638
(*compliant* minister, Bednall, Staffs)
- (in office) 1651.2

About 1638 he was styled "Robert Ashton of Bednall - minister of the gospel", when he testified to the honest life and conversation of a local preacher Humphrey Vincent ?1595-....
(26 Mar 1658) (nuncupative) Robert Ashton late minister of Bednall [mentions no relations]

►Augustine Schoolecroft (Vicar of Colwich, Staffs) 1633-1700 **1659**
(Stipendiary Curate, Colwich, Staffs)

- (in office) 1659
[see above]

►William Bird (P.C. of Stretton, Staffs) c1763-1847 **1795**
c 12 Jul 1763 Leigh *son of John Bird of Leigh, Staffs gentleman and Elizabeth (-----)*
m Penelope -----; d *aged 69* 31 Jan 1843 [GENT.MAG]
d *aged 83* 12 Mar 1847 [GENT.MAG]
(aged 28, matriculated from SEH, Oxford) 21 Oct 1791
(B.A.) 1795
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 14 Jun 1795
(Stipendiary Curate, Colwich, Staffs)
- (licensed) 15 Jun 1795
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 20 Sep 1795
(M.A.) 1798
(Master, Church Eaton Grammar School, Staffs) 3 Oct 1801-?d
- (licensed) 3 Oct 1801
(Stipendiary Curate, Church Eaton, Staffs)
- (licensed) 10 Jun 1805
- (in office) 10 Jun 1830
(Perpetual Curate, Stretton St John, Staffs) 27 Nov 1806-d
- (presented by Lord Hatherton) [GENT.MAG]
- (subscribed on appointment) 27 Nov 1806
- (in office) 23 Nov 1819
chn: John Bird c 23 Nov 1797 Colwich
William Bird c 29 Apr 1799 Colwich
Mary Ann Bird c 18 Dec 1801 Colwich
Harriot Bird c 23 Apr 1803 Church Eaton & Colwich
Thomas Bird c 12 Jul 1805 Church Eaton & Colwich
George Bird c 9 Aug 1807 Church Eaton & Colwich **[SCD]**
Harriot Bird c 19 Jun 1809 Church Eaton
Eliza Bird c 22 Mar 1812 Church Eaton

►Thomas Bradburne 1783-1859 **1806**
c 1 Nov 1783 Lichfield St Michael [IGI] *2nd son of Samuel Bradburne of Pipe Hill House, Lichfield*
d *aged 76* 19 Dec 1859 Lichfield
(admitted pensioner at Christ's, Cambridge) 22 Feb 1801 [VENN]
(matriculated) Lent 1801
(Scholar) 1801
(B.A., 5th Wrangler) 1805
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 7 Sep 1806
(Stipendiary Curate, Colwich & Weston-upon-Trent, Staffs)
- (licenced) 7 Sep 1806
(priest Vicar Choral, Lichfield Offley)
- (appointed) 12 Apr 1808
(M.A.) 1808
(Fellow) 1810-29
(Stipendiary Curate, Hints & Weeford, Staffs)
- (appointed) 30 Jan 1817
(?Stipendiary Curate, Cannock, Staffs) 1817 [PITT (1817)]
(Rector, Toft & Caldecote, Cambs) 1827
- (instituted) 4 May 1827
- (sequestered by the Bishop for non-residence) Jul 1840
- (sequestration rescinded)
- (re-sequestered by the Bishop for non-residence) 19 Oct 1842

When Robert Hill's Wall estate was sold in 1813 what was called Moat Bank House and 94a were bought by the tenant Samuel Bradburne, the owner of the Pipe Hill House estate. Samuel (d. by 1834) left Moat Bank to his second son, the Revd. Thomas Bradburne. He was succeeded in 1859 by his nephew John Bradburne, who died in or shortly before 1879, when the house and 11a were offered for sale along with Pipe Place Farm. [VCH]

►Thomas Bonney 1802-1853 **1828**

b 13 Mar 1802 Sandon *2nd son of George Bonney 1759-1826* ***[SCD]*** *and Susanna dau of John Knight 1748-1800* ***[SCD]***
m1 Louisa Price
m2 Eliza Ellen dau of Edward Smith of Rugeley, Staffs
d 13 Sep 1853 Rugeley
(educated at Charterhouse)
(admitted pensioner at Clare, Cambridge) 3 Nov 1820
(matriculated) Michs 1821
(Exhibitioner)
(B.A.) 1825
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 9 Oct 1825
(Stipendiary Curate, Sandon, Staffs)
- (licensed) 9 Oct 1825
(Stipendiary Curate, Colwich, Staffs)
- (licensed) 15 Jun 1828
(M.A.) 1829
(Perpetual Curate, Pipe Ridware, Staffs) 1838-53
(Headmaster, Rugeley Grammar School, Staffs) c1840-1853
chn: Thomas George Bonney b 27 Jul 1833 Rugeley; (geologist) [DNB online] [SIMMS] [VENN]
Frederick Bonney b 1842 Rugeley; (F.R.G.S.) [see SIMMS]
Alfred Bonney b 3 Jan 1846 Rugeley; (at Cambridge) 1864 [SIMMS] [VENN]
[10 chn]

Thomas George Bonney was born July 27th, 1833, at Rugeley, Staffordshire. His family is of Huguenot origin, and thus affords yet another instance of the remarkable intellectual enrichment of our country which resulted from the religious persecutions in France. His father, the Rev. Thomas Bonney, son of the Rev. George Bonney, vicar of Sandon, and sometime Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge, was a man of wide and varied interests, and a hard worker, in spite of feeble health; he was master of the Grammar School, Rugeley, and for many years 'perpetual curate' of Pipe Ridware, a very small parish about five miles from Rugeley. The church was rebuilt through his efforts, and he took great interest in primary education, acting for some time informally as Inspector of Schools in the Diocese. He married a daughter of Edward Smith, a Staffordshire man of independent means, and died in 1853, leaving a widow and ten children, of whom Professor Bonney, then just entering upon his second year at Cambridge, was the eldest. The family inherited some property, but the income it afforded was small for the education of so many. [DNB online]

►Abel John Ram 1804-1883 **1829**
b 20 May 1804 *son of Abel John Ram of Hanover Square St George, London c1776-1823*
m 11 Apr 1833 Jane 3rd dau of James George Stopford 3rd Earl of Courtown 1765-1835; d 23 Dec 1873; i Ellastone
d *aged 78* 18 Aug 1883; i Ellastone; M.I.
(of Clonattin, Co. Wexford) [BLG (IRELAND) TO CHECK]
(aged 17, matriculated from Oriel College, Oxford) 29 Mar 1822
(B.A.) 1827
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 21 Oct 1827
(Stipendiary Curate, Pipe Ridware, Staffs) 21 Oct 1827
- (licensed) 21 Oct 1827
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 25 Jan 1829
(Stipendiary Curate, Colwich, Staffs) 25 Jan 1829
- (licensed) 25 Jan 1829
(M.A.) 1830
(Vicar, Towcester, Northants)
(Perpetual Curate, Beverley Minster, Yorks ER) 1840-4
(Stipendiary Curate, Aldridge, Staffs) 1844-5
- (resident at Rectory when Henry Harding was acting sub-chanter at Lichfield Cathedral) 1844-5 [FINCH II 65]
(Vicar, West Ham) 1846-68
(Honorary Canon, Rochester) 1867-d
(Rector, Rolleston, Staffs) 1868-d
chn: George Stopford Ram [1] b c1839; (at Oxford) 1857
Abel John Ram [2] b 21 Sep 1842 Ilam; (at Oxford) 1861 [see SIMMS]

(Ellastone) In affectionate remembrance of The Reverend ABEL JOHN RAM, M.A., of Clonaton, County Wexford; Rector of Rolleston, in this County, and Honorary Canon of Rochester; Born May

20th, 1804; died August 18th, 1883. "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the Great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."—Titus ij., 13.

►John Finley 1808-1871 **1832-1834**
b 1808 Bath *son of John Finley of Larkhills, Lanark and Tunbridge Wells congregational minister*
d 31 Jul 1871
(educated at Mill Hill, London under Mr Corrie)
(aged 18, admitted sizar at Trinity, Cambridge) 30 Dec 1826 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1827
(B.A.) 1831
(M.A.) 1834
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 6 Nov 1831
(Stipendiary Curate, Birmingham Christ Church) 6 Nov 1831-1832
- (licensed) 6 Nov 1831
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 20 Jan 1833
(Stipendiary Curate, Colwich, Staffs) 20 Jan 1833-1834
- (licensed) 20 Jan 1833
(Stipendiary Curate, Milwich, Staffs) 17 Feb 1834-1836
- (licensed) 17 Feb 1834
(Stipendiary Curate, Dudley, Worcs) 1836-7
(Vicar, Studley, Warwicks) 1837-54
(Domestic Chaplain to the Earl of Gainsborough) 1842-66
(Stipendiary Curate, Ingestre, Staffs) 1854-7
(Rector, St Michael Bassishaw, London) 1857-65
(Vicar, Aveley, Essex) 1865-d

►John Groomes c1808-1872 **1834-1835**
b c1808 Hunts
d *aged 64* cAug 1872 Braintree, Essex
(admitted pensioner at Queens', Cambridge) 8 Jul 1830 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1830
(B.A.) 1834
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 19 Oct 1834
(Stipendiary Curate, Colwich, Staffs)
- (licensed) 19 Oct 1834 & 4 Oct 1835
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 4 Oct 1835
(M.A.) 1837
(Stipendiary Curate, Sherborne, Dorset) 1843-5
(Chaplain, Sherborne Union, Dorset)
(Vicar, Shalford, Essex) 1848-d

►Richard Kay Haslehurst c1820-1899 **1844-1846**
b c1820 Macclesfield
m1 1 Jul 1846 Hannah Stephen dau of Thomas Dinham Atkinson 1792-1865 **[SCD];** (aged 27, b Thetford, Norfolk) 1851 C
m2 Jane E. -----; (aged 40, b Portsmouth) 1881 C
d 15 Feb 1899 Edmonton RD
(admitted pensioner at Trinity, Cambridge) 23 Sep 1837 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1838
(B.A.) 1842
(ordained deacon by Winchester) 1844
(Stipendiary Curate, Colwich, Staffs) 1844-6
(ordained priest by Winchester) 1845
(M.A.) 1846
(Stipendiary Curate, Shustoke, Warwcisk) 1846-51
- (aged 31, b Macclesfield, Cheshire, of "The Vicarage", Shustoke "Curate of Shustoke") 1851 C
(Vicar, Alrewas/Alrewas-cum-Fradley, Staffs) 1851-68
(Rector, West Felton, Salop) 1868-91
- (aged 61, of "The Rectory", West Felton "clark in holy orders") 1881 C
- (aged 71, of West Felton) 1891 C
- (patron of West Felton)

(Rural Dean, Ellesmere, Salop) 1877-90
(Stipendiary Curate, Enfield, Middx) 1891-7
(in retirement of Byculla Park, Enfield)
chn: Florence Mary Haslehurst (aged 3, b Shustoke) 1851 C
James Atkinson Haslehurst (aged 1, b Shustoke) 1851 C
Jessie Fenton Haslehurst (aged ---, b Shustoke) 1851 C
Ethel W. Haslehurst (aged 21, b Alrewas) 1881 C
Edith Haslehurst
Walter E. Haslehurst (aged 28, b Sheath, Warwicks "clark in holy orders") 1881 C
[?2] Dorothy S. Haslehurst (aged 6, b West Felton) 1881 C

►George Poole c1807-1889 **1846-1848**
b c1807 Aston, Staffs
d *aged 82* 1 May 1889 Hammerwich; i Hammerwich
(admitted pensioner at Queens', Cambridge) 22 Jun 1843 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1843
(ordained deacon) 1846
(Stipendiary Curate, Colwich, Staffs) 1846-8
(B.A.) 1847
(ordained priest) 1847
(Perpetual Curate, Saltley, Warwicks) 1848-51
(Perpetual Curate, Hammerwich, Staffs) 1852-8
(Perpetual Curate/Vicar, Burntwood, Staffs) 1852-86
- (aged 64, b Aston, Staffs, of Burntwood "Vicar of Burntwood") 1871 C
(author, "The Path of the Just") 1879
[SIMMS]

(Burntwood) George Poole, appointed in 1852, decided that he should devote himself to the growing population of Burntwood, and he gave up Hammerwich in 1858. About then he started a mission at Chasetown, and he was preaching in the open at Boney Hay in 1883. He introduced the singing of psalms and hymns. He was friendly towards nonconformists, speaking at Primitive Methodist meetings and contributing towards the cost of a new Primitive Methodist chapel. He was an advocate of temperance and became a teetotaller, and he persuaded colliers to speak at temperance meetings in Burntwood and Chasetown. [VCH (BURNTWOOD)]

►William Stone 1805-1877 **1847**
b 5 May 1805 Kinsale, Ireland *son of William Stone*
m Susan Anne dau of ----- Symonds of Oxford (Doctor); (aged 49, b Oxford) 1861 C
d 4th Mar 1877; i Alfreston, Sussex
(educated at Aspley Guise, Beds)
(matriculated from Wadham College, Oxford) 12 May 1829 [FOSTER]
(Clerk) 1830—33
(B.A.) 1833
(Stipendiary Curate, Oxford St Alphage) 1834
(M.A.) 1836
(Stipendiary Curate, Whitmore, Staffs) 1836—44
(Head Master, Newcastle Grammar School, Staffs) 1844
(Perpetual Curate, Butterton St Thomas, Staffs) 1844—56
(Stipendiary Curate, Colwich, Staffs) 1847
- (aged 45, b Ireland, of Colwich & Little Haywood "Incumbent of Butterton & Curate of Colwich") 1851 C
(Stipendiary Curate, Hampstead Christ Church) 1852
(Chaplain, to the Refuge for the Destitute, Dalston) 1852—58
(Vicar, Haggerston St Paul, Middx) 1857—74
- (aged 55, b Ireland, of Hackney, Middx, "Incumbent of St Paul Haggerston") 1861 C
(of Alfreston, Sussex) 1865-d
(author, theological works)
[SIMMS*]
chn: Samuel John Stone b 25 Apr 1839 Whitmore Rectory [see SIMMS]; (Rector, London All Hallows-in-the-Wall)
Sarah H. Stone (aged 11, b Whitmore) 1851 C; (aged 20, b Staffs) 1861 C

►**Walter Thomas Sidwell c1915-1964** **1939-1941**
d 1964
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1939
(Stipendiary Curate, Colwich, Staffs) 1939-41
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1940
(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Stafford St Chad) 1941-3
(Vicar, Tilstock, Salop) 1943-7
(of "Little Bragan", St John Street, Lichfield, Staffs) c1950
(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Wednesbury St Luke, Staffs) 1952-d

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OUR LADY'S SERVICE *AT* COLWICH

►**John Spon e1493-....** **1533**
(Chantry Chaplain *pro* Our Lady's Service *at* Colwich, Staffs)
- (in office) 1533

TRINITY CHANTRY *AT* WOLSELEY IN COLWICH (....-1548)

Founded by Geoffrey Wolseley clerk at the altar of the Trinity in the chapel of Wolseley distant half a mile from the parish church

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►**Ralph Canon (Prebendary of Wells) e1347-1422** **....-1399**
d 18 Apr/5 Jun 1422 [PCC 54 Marche] [Reg Bubwith 11 419]; Will *clerk Canon of Wells* (PCC) Jun 1422
(Magister)
(Prebendary, Chichester Fittleworth)
- (had a royal grant) 27 Aug 1387 [FASTI]
(Prebendary, Wells Eastharptree) 13 Dec 1398-d
- (in office) 13 Dec 1398
(Chantry Chaplain *pro* Trinity Chantry *at* Wolseley in Colwich, Staffs) ....-1399
- (exchanged) 1399
(Prebendary, Tamworth Syerscote, Staffs) 16 Nov 1399-a2 Dec 1405
- (by exchange)
- (admitted) 16 Nov 1399
- (replaced in office) 2 Dec 1405
(Incumbent, High Ham, Soms) ....-2 Mar 1405.6
- (exchanged) 2 Mar 1405.6 [Somerset Record Soc xiii 1899 p58]
(Prebendary, Lichfield Whittington & Baswich) 2 Mar 1405.6-15 Dec 1420
- (by exchange) 2 Mar 1405.6 [Somerset Record Soc xiii 1899 p58]
- (admitted) 13 Mar 1405.6 [AC 1 f70b]
- (exchanged) 15 Dec 1420 [Reg IX [Heyworth] f1b]
(Incumbent, Over Wallop, Hants) 15 Dec 1420-....
- (by exchange) 15 Dec 1420 [Reg IX [Heyworth] f1b]

►**Nicholas Slake e1345-....** **1399------**
(Archdeacon, Chester *thus* Prebendary, Lichfield Bolton) 16 Oct 1385-11 Mar 1386.7
- (had a royal grant) 16 Oct 1385 [CPR 1385-1389 p23]
- (admitted) 10 Nov 1385 [AC 1 ff9b-10]
- (exchanged) 11 Mar 1386.7 [AC 1 f14]
(Incumbent, Yeovil, Somerset)
- (by exchange) 11 Mar 1386.7 [AC 1 f14]
(Archdeacon, Wells)
- (appointed) 1391
(Prebendary, Windsor St George) ....-1394
- (exchanged) 1394
(Prebendary, Bridgnorth, Salop) 1394-....
- (by exchange) 1394
(Prebendary, Tamworth Syerscote, Staffs) 10 Jan 1395.6-1399
- (presented by the Crown) 15 Aug 1395
- (not admitted)

- (re-presented by the Crown) 10 Jan 1395.6
- (admitted) 24 Feb 1395.6
- (exchanged) 1399
(Warden, Sherborne Free Chapel)
(Dean, Westminster St Stephen's College) 1396-....
- (appointed) 1396
- (in office) 1411
(Dean, Wells) 1398-?1400
(Chantry Chaplain *pro* Trinity Chantry *at* Wolseley in Colwich, Staffs) 1399-....
- (by exchange) 1399

►John Hill e1493------ 1533-?1547
**** Entry might confuse men of the same name*
(Chantry Chaplain *pro* Trinity Chantry *at* Wolseley in Colwich, Staffs) 1533-?1547
- (in office) 1533-5
- (as of Wolseley priest, with Ralph Wolseley and others, accused of assault) c1544
[SHC 1907 i 171]
(Chantry Priest *pro* Brotherhood Chantry *at* Burton-upon-Trent St Modwen, Staffs)
- (had a salary of £1/5/9) 1547

►Leonard Bowdon e1507-.... 1547-1548
(Chantry Chaplain *pro* Trinity Chantry *at* Wolseley in Colwich, Staffs)
- (paid first fruits) 23 Jul 1547
- (had a salary of £2/1/4/0¾ and was granted a pension of £2/14/4) 1548
[? (Rector, Kingham, Oxon)
- (admitted) 2 Jul 1555]